

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows, where underlines stand for additions and strikethroughs stand for deletions.

1. (Currently amended) A wing-in-ground-effect craft characterised by canard configuration, having a canard forewing and a main wing, wherein the canard forewing has a substantial portion with a dihedral configuration.
2. (Currently amended) A wing-in-ground-effect craft as claimed in claim 1 wherein the canard forewing has from about 10% to about ~~less than~~ 40% of the area of the main wing.
3. (Cancelled)
4. (Cancelled)
5. (Cancelled)
6. (Cancelled)
7. (Currently amended) A wing-in-ground-effect craft as claimed in claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 to 5~~ wherein the canard forewing has said a dihedral configuration in its inner portion, said inner portion being disposed at a first angle of inclination from the vertical, said canard forewing having its outer portions disposed at a second angle of inclination from the vertical which is greater in absolute terms than said first angle.
8. (Currently amended) A wing-in-ground-effect craft as claimed in claim ~~6 or 7~~ wherein said first angle lies from 80° to 65°.
9. (Cancelled)
10. (Cancelled)
11. (Currently amended) A wing-in-ground-effect craft as claimed in ~~any one of claims 8 to 10 as dependent on claim 7~~ wherein said second angle is from 85° to 95°.
12. (Cancelled)
13. (Currently amended) A wing-in-ground-effect craft as claimed in ~~any one of claims 6 to 12~~ claim 7 wherein said dihedral configuration has an angle of attack of from 5° to 9°.

14. (Cancelled)
15. (Cancelled)
16. (Currently amended) A wing-in-ground-effect craft as claimed in claim 7 ~~any one of claims 7 to 15~~ wherein said outer portions have an angle of attack less than the angle of attack of the inner portions.
17. (Currently amended) A wing-in-ground-effect craft as claimed in claim 7 ~~16~~ wherein said outer portions have an angle of attack of from 2° to 6°.
18. (Cancelled)
19. (Currently amended) A wing-in-ground-effect craft as claimed in claim 7 ~~16~~ wherein said outer portions have an angle of attack of from 4° to 4.5°.
20. (Currently amended) A wing-in-ground-effect craft as claimed in ~~any one of claims 6 to 19~~ claim 1 wherein said canard forewing incorporates control surfaces.
21. (Currently amended) A wing-in-ground-effect craft as claimed in claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 to 20~~ wherein said main wing is of forward delta configuration.
22. (Currently amended) A wing-in-ground-effect craft as claimed in claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 to 20~~ wherein said main wing has an angle of attack of from 2° to 6°.
23. (Cancelled)
24. (Currently amended) A wing-in-ground-effect craft as claimed in claim 1 ~~22~~ wherein said main wing has an angle of attack of from 4° to 4.5°.
25. (Currently amended) A wing-in-ground-effect craft as claimed in claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 to 20~~ wherein said wing-in-ground-effect craft is amphibious, and has a planing hull.
26. (Currently amended) A wing-in-ground-effect craft as claimed in claim 25 wherein said main wing incorporates pontoon floats attached to opposite outer extremities thereof ~~(ie one pontoon on each side of the craft)~~.
27. (Currently amended) A wing-in-ground-effect craft as claimed in claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 to 26~~ wherein said wing-in-ground-effect craft has a single vertical stabiliser located at the rear thereof.

28. (Original) A wing-in-ground-effect craft as claimed in claim 27 wherein said vertical stabiliser is located atop a first propulsion unit in the form of a ducted fan.
29. (Original) A wing-in-ground-effect craft as claimed in claim 28 wherein said wing-in-ground-effect craft includes at least one rudder control surface located in the flow pathway of said ducted fan.
30. (Currently amended) A wing-in-ground-effect craft as claimed in claim 25 ~~any one of claims 25 to 29~~ wherein said wing-in-ground-effect craft incorporates a spade rudder for low speed control, said spade rudder being disposed so as to be immersed below the water-line when the wing-in-ground-effect craft is afloat.
31. (Currently amended) A wing-in-ground-effect craft as claimed in claim 25 ~~any one of claims 25 to 30~~ wherein said wing-in-ground-effect craft includes a further propulsion unit in the form of a water propulsion means extending below said hull, preferably in the form of a retractable leg.
32. (Cancelled)